

## PARTS OF SPEECH

### NOUNS

**DEFINITION:** A noun is a word that names a person, place, animal, thing, or idea. There are more nouns in the English language than any other kind of word.

#### KINDS OF NOUNS:

a) **Singular or plural:** referring to one thing or more than one thing.

Singular → kitten
kittens ← plural

b) **Common or proper:** non-specific as opposed to very specific. Proper nouns must be capitalized.

Common → boy
Tom ← proper

c) **Concrete or abstract:** something you can see, taste, touch, smell, or hear as opposed to an idea, feeling, or emotion.

concrete → kiss
love ← abstract

d) **Collective:** refer to groups of people, animals or things.

crowd                  herd                  bundle

e) **Compound:** made up of two or more words used together.

shoelace          flashlight          word processor

#### Exercise # 1

Identify each of the following nouns as *singular or plural*, *common or proper*, *concrete or abstract*. Also indicate if it is *collective* or *compound*.

Noun	Singular or plural	Common or proper	Concrete or abstract	Collective	Compound
cacti					
wisdom					
pocket-knife					
audience					
team					
Skydome					
swarm					
shoelace					
love					
kitten					